

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for re-opening prosecution and for indicating that Claims 1, 4-12, 33-35, and 41 are allowed.

Claims 42-55 have been amended. No claims have been canceled or added. Hence, Claims 1, 4-12, 33-35, and 41-55 are pending in the present application.

The issues raised in the Office Action mailed August 17, 2010 are addressed hereinafter.

I. ISSUES NOT RELATING TO PRIOR ART

A. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The Office Action apparently objected to the specification because paragraphs [0059]-[0061] included references to acoustic or light waves, carrier waves, and infra-red signals. Further, the Office Action suggested amending these paragraphs to remove the references to the acoustic or light waves, carrier waves, and infra-red signals in order to ensure that the term “computer-readable medium” is directed solely to statutory subject matter.

Paragraphs [0059]-[0061] have been amended herein as suggested in the Office Action. For this reason, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

B. CLAIMS 42-55

Claims 42-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Each of Claims 42-55 has been amended herein to feature a “non-transitory computer-readable storage medium”. As described in paragraph [0059] of the specification, examples of storage media include non-volatile media (e.g., such as optical or magnetic disks), and volatile media (e.g., such as dynamic memory). Thus, the computer-readable storage media featured in Claims 42-55 are clearly non-transitory, and for at least this reason it is respectfully submitted

that each of Claims 42-55 is directed to statutory subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 42-55 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is respectfully requested.

C. CLAIMS 1, 4-12, 33-35, AND 41

The Office Action indicated that Claims 1, 4-12, 33-35, and 41 are allowed.

II. CONCLUSION

The Applicant believes that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed. Further, for the reasons set forth above, the Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

A petition for extension of time, to the extent necessary to make this reply timely filed, is hereby made. If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any applicable fees and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,
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